

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 6, 7, 10 and 15 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 9 and 14 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply cancels and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After canceling and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-4, 9-12 and 14 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 8-12 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 1176493 to Pathuel in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,411,693 to McKeeth; and claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pathuel in view of McKeeth and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,904,526 to Hongwei. These rejections are traversed with respect to the presently pending claims under rejection, for at least the reasons given below.

In its rejection of claims 6 and 7 based in part on Hongwei, the Office Action asserts that column 1, line 61 to column 2, line 5 with column 13, line 61 to column 14, line 28 of Hongwei teaches the features recited in claims 6 and 7. Applicant respectfully disagrees, to the extent that this rejection may be applied to claim 1 (which now includes the features of claims 6 and 7, along with an additional feature in which the renewed password is generated **only** in response to a request operation).

In particular, claim 1 recites that the password generator generates a renewed password **only** in response to a request operation of making a call or taking an incoming call.

Thus, every time a user attempts to make a call or take an incoming call, the password generator renews the password to a different one than what previously existed.

Column 1, line 61 to column 2, line 5 of Hongwei describes that dynamic passwords are provided, which allow each password to work only once in its life and for a short duration. Unlike the present invention in which the password generator keeps a current password for period of time (could be a very long time, such as months) until a request operation is made, Hongwei's device keeps changing the password when a predetermined time has expired (e.g., 1 minute), and does not generate a renewed password **only** in response to a request operation of making a call or taking an incoming call.

Column 13, line 61 to column 14, line 28 of Hongwei describes that a password generator is held by an authorized user, and that a verifier receives a user ID and the dynamic password and determines the correctness of the user password. This portion of Hongwei does not teach or suggest that a renewed password is generated **only** in response to a request operation of making a call or taking an incoming call.

Accordingly, presently pending independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited art of record.

With respect to independent claims 9 and 14, those claims now recite that the generated password is **only** renewed each time the information processing device is put to use. As discussed previously with respect to claim 1, Hongwei regenerates a dynamic password when a particular period of time has expired, and does not only review the dynamic password when an information processing device is put to use.

Accordingly, presently pending independent claims 9 and 14 patentably distinguish over the cited art of record.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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